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1. U.S. Patent No. 4,715,463, issued December 29, 1987.
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-312521, published November 6, 2003.
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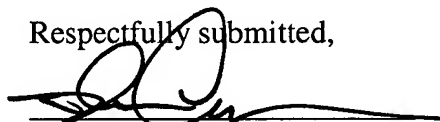
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